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Following my last report on the United Nations Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group, dated 26 February 1991 (S/22263), and the follow-up exchange of letters, dated 28 February 1991 (S/22279 and S/22280), I have continued my efforts towards the full implementation of Security Council resolution 598 (1987) of 20 July 1987.

In this context I wish to inform you that, in pursuance of the mandate entrusted to me by operative paragraph 7 of resolution 598 (1987), and in consultation with the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran, I have asked former Under-Secretary-General Abdulrahim A. Farah to lead a team of experts who will make an exploratory visit to Iran towards the end of May.

Under paragraph 7 of resolution 598 (1987) the Security Council "recognizes the magnitude of the damage inflicted during the conflict and the need for reconstruction efforts, with appropriate international assistance, once the conflict is ended and, in this regard, requests the Secretary-General to assign a team of experts to study the question of reconstruction and to report to the Security Council."

It is anticipated that the team will remain in the area for an initial period of two to three weeks.

In the implementation of my mandate under paragraph 7 of resolution 598 (1987) I am, of course, also in contact with the Government of Iraq.

I should be grateful, Mr. President, if you would bring this matter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(Signed) Javier PEREZ de CUELLAR

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